MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

January 2023 – The January MNS meeting will be held Thursday, January 19, at 6 PM in the Mayfair Mall Community Room. The program is the annual installation of officers and Show and Tell.

President:	Justin Perrault	**Vice President:**	Jim Heinrich
Secretary:	James Kubley	**Treasurer:**	Chris Kantak
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Trustee '23-'25:	Dave Hunsicker	**Trustee '21-'23:**	Gary Bieringer
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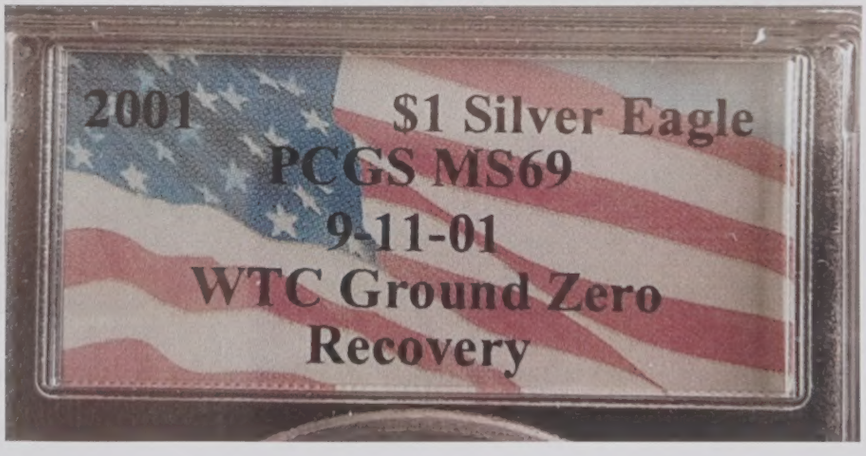
The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are now held from 6 to 8 PM in the Mayfair Mall community room on the third Thursday of each month.

January Coin of the Month: For January we have a very special item, a 2001 9-11 World Trade Center Ground Zero Recovery Silver Eagle, PCGS-certified MS69. This item is worth $25 in silver and $25 for the certification, plus who knows how much for the provenance. Starting bid will be $50.



January 2023 MNS President's Message

Hard to believe we are already here in the year 2023 as we face another year of numismatic adventures. According to the ancient Chinese calendar this is the "Year of the Rabbit," so this can be a good year for new beginnings, fresh starts, and reconnecting. Hopefully everyone has recovered from the Christmas and New Year festivities, and the wicked cold snap we just experienced.

I am happy to report that once again the slate for 2023 MNS Officers was approved unanimously at the December meeting, so in January we will swear the candidates in to make it official. We will also have some copies of the January 2023 Coins Magazine for reference, so everyone can get their Fantasy Numismatic entries timely turned in for the coming year. With everything going on the in economy and collectables market, the best picks are anyone's guess.

If you haven't already, please make sure you pay the membership dues for the coming year to ensure that you remain on the newsletter mailing list. Regular membership remains at a mere $10 ($3 for YN's, or $120 for a life membership). Please send payment to the Club's PO Box or pay at one of the upcoming meetings.

I'm looking forward to spending the coming year keeping our club and the hobby moving forward. Once again, there will be a lot of great shows to look forward to on a local and regional level. We always need refreshments at our meetings. We also need programs and presentations at meetings; to volunteer please let me or Jim know. Otherwise I'm sure I'll find something else interesting to fill our meeting times with.

Happy New Year and Happy Collecting,
Justin J. Perrault
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December 15, 2022 -- Christmas Party (thanks to Adele for the photos)

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Schedule

Monthly meetings for the calendar year will proceed as scheduled. Due to changes at Mayfair Mall, our meetings will run from 6:00-8:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 19:	General Business/Show & Tell
Feb 16:	Show & Tell-Non Numismatic
March 16:	General Business/Show & Tell
April 20:	Numismatic Trivia Game
May 18:	Spring Auction
June 15:	Andy Kimmel Presentation
July 20:	General Business/Show & Tell
Aug 17:	General Business/Show & Tell
Sept 21:	Numismatic Trivia Game (Pt. 2)
Oct 19:	Autumn Auction
Nov 16:	Raffle Prize Drawing
Dec 21:	Christmas Party/Bingo/Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2023 are $10. Please pay Treasurer Chris K. at the next meeting, or they can be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886.** Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, and helpers to work at events. MNS will also reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

2023 Numismatic Events

Feb 19:	Oshkosh Coin Show 2 N. Main Street, 9-4 PM
March 12:	Waukesha Coin Club Show New Berlin Ale House, 9-4 PM
April 2:	Appleton NOW Show Hilton Paper Valley Hotel 333 W. College Ave, 9-4 PM
April 22:	Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic during SS Coin Show
April 24-30:	CSNS Convention Schaumburg, IL
Aug 8-12:	ANA World's Fair of Money David Lawrence Convention Center Pittsburgh, PA
Aug 13:	Beaver Dam Coin Show American Legion 300 Beichl Ave., 9-3 PM
Nov 12:	MNS Coin Show, 9-4 PM Sheraton Hotel Brookfield

Refreshment Schedule

Jan 19:	OPEN
Feb 16:	OPEN
March 16:	OPEN
April 20:	OPEN
May 18:	OPEN
June 15:	OPEN
July 20:	OPEN
Aug 17:	Justin P.
Sept 21:	OPEN
Oct 19:	OPEN
Nov 16:	OPEN
Dec 21:	Christmas Party

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

December 15, 2022

President Justin Perrault called the 1033rd meeting of the MNS to order at 6:05pm. There were 22 members & 2 guests in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by Josh W, Chris S, James K, Howard T, and Tom C.

Coin of the Month: Steve S. won the coin of the month, 1990-W President Eisenhower Dollar BU, with a winning bid of $48.00

Minutes: The minutes for November 2022 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Kan. reported that November showed net receipts of 107.00, Vanguard transfer, interest earned transfer, and $1,419.65 in net disbursements for a negative net cash flow of $526.02.

Correspondence: The Numismatist, Coins and The Centinel, ANA Election information.

Vice President Report: We have plenty openings for refreshments and programs in 2023.

New Member: Mike Kaminski application was accepted. He enjoys collecting silver coins. Congratulations and Welcome Mike!

2023 Officer Elections:

The following were elected for officer roles in 2023. Installation will take place in January.

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* Not up for election

Fantasy Numismatics: Please return your Fantasy Coin Portfolio to Leon S by the end of March 2023. Congratulations to Jim H for winning Fantasy Numismatics 2022!

Program: Bruce B spoke about his time at the ANA summer Seminar.

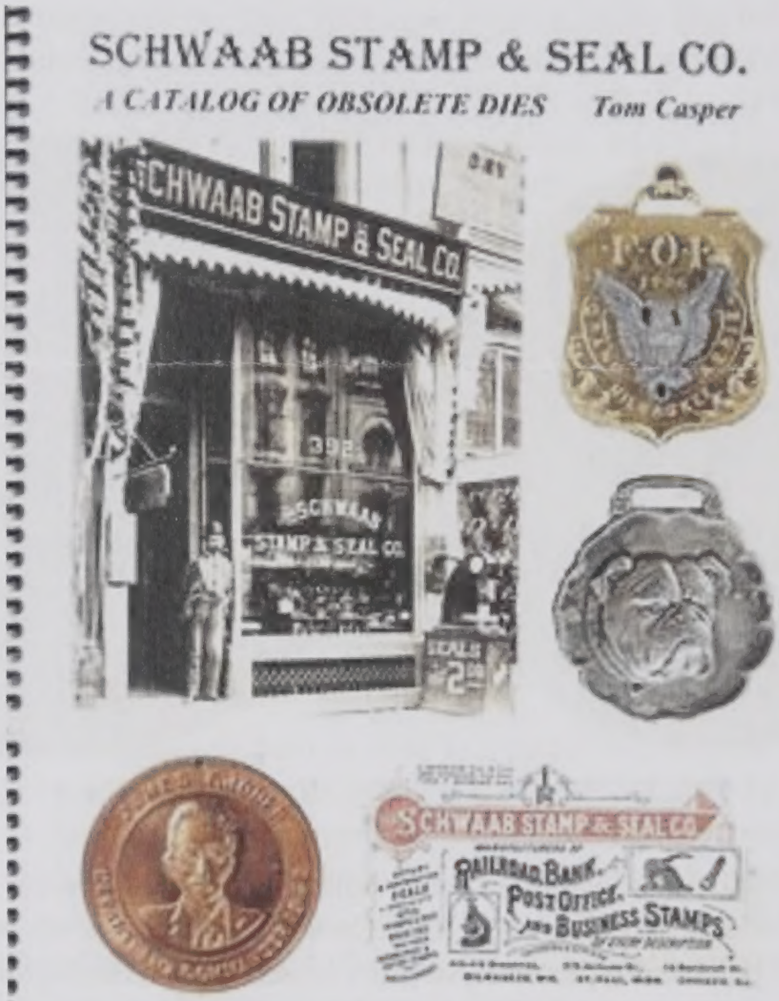
Holiday Party: The club had a wonderful party with great pizza, food, drinks. We also enjoyed playing Bingo!

The meeting was informally adjourned at 7:26m by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by James Kubley

New Book by MNS Member Tom Casper

Schwaab Stamp & Seal Co - A Catalog of Obsolete Dies



Long time token collector, Tom Casper, has written a book on the Schwaab Stamp & Seal Co. of Milwaukee, WI. The company was a major manufacturer of tokens, medals, and badges. The company was started in 1881 and they produced these pieces until the mid-twentieth century.

The book provides a history of the company as well as photos of 800+ Schwaab dies. Some of these dies produced exonumia not seen yet in the marketplace. The dies are in categories of Masonic Tokens, Trade Tokens, Transportation Tokens, Fraternal Organizations, and Miscellaneous Items. The dies struck pieces from 45 different states.

The book is soft cover, 8 1/2" x 11, spiral bound with 95 pages. It contains an alphabetical index for each category. Only a small number of books are available. The book is $29.95 plus $5 shipping and are available from the author at 414-425-5444 or email tcasper57@hotmail.com.

Thank you, Tom, for your interesting presentation on your new book at the November MNS meeting.

A MEDAL OF CLAY

by Tom Casper

In spring every gardener looks forward to planting a bed or flowers or vegetable garden. How annoying it is when you dig down and after a few inches in the top soil you hit a layer of clay. Clay is not the preferred type of soil to grow anything in. Although it is not welcomed in the garden it does have many uses. The uses of clay vary widely. It is used in making bricks, floor tiles, pottery, stoneware, flower pots, art objects, clay pigeons, dishware and in modeling. It is also used for industrial processes such as paper making, cement production and chemical filtering and used in the medical field.

Clay can be found in various locations throughout our state. The color of the clay, based on its composition, varies from different locations and can be found in the colors of grey, red, blue and cream among others.

In the 19th century Milwaukee became known as the Cream City and a number of businesses still use that phrase in their business name. It had nothing to do with our dairy industry. It comes from the color of clay found around Milwaukee, the Menomonee River Valley and on the western banks of Lake Michigan. The clay was formed into bricks, heated in a kiln which took on a cream or light yellow-color.

Shown here is a medal made of red clay. It measures 54 mm in diameter, 6 mm thick with a weight of 22 grams. The obverse features Ceres, the Roman goddess of agriculture, grain crops, fertility and motherly relationships. Her right hand holds a sickle. Her left hand grasps a fist of grain. At her feet is a plow and other agricultural implements. At the bottom is a bible quote from the Old Testament, Psalm 67: Verses 5-6, THEN SHALL THE EARTH YIELD HER/INCREASE: AND GOD/EVEN OUR GOD SHALL BLESS US. The reverse reads SPRINGFIELD/BRICK & TILE CO./SPRINGFIELD, /WIS.

A 1901 State of Wisconsin bulletin, "Clays and Clay Industries of Wisconsin", details this company. "Springfield is located near the central part of Walworth County and about eight miles from Elkhorn. (It is now unincorporated and part of the town of Lyons). The Springfield Brick and Tile Co. of which R. Trist is owner is located about one-half mile south of the village. The yard was opened in 1896 and operated each year since. The clay which occurs at this place burns a beautiful cherry red and the brick and tile manufactured therefrom are of excellent quality. From all appearances this is one of the best clays in southern Wisconsin for the manufacture of red flower pots, drain tile and brick. The clay might also be used in the manufacture of terra cotta. For a number of years, the clay from this locality has been used by the Edgerton Art Pottery Works for the manufacture of ornamental pottery."

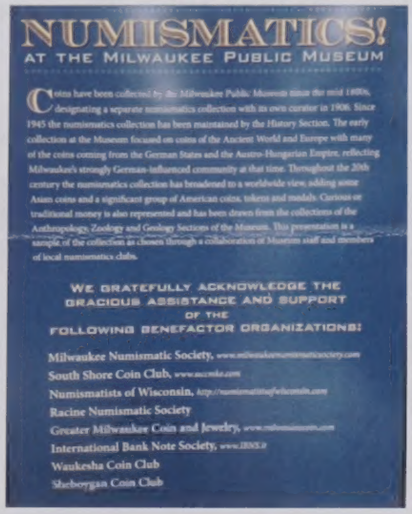
The owner Richard Trist was born in 1849 in Devonshire, England and came to America in 1853 arriving in Milwaukee County with his parents. In 1863 during the Civil War he enlisted in the Army at age 16 and became a drummer boy for Company B, 1st Heavy Artillery Regiment. He mustered out in 1865. In 1866 he was shot in a hunting accident and resulting in the loss of his left arm. He arrived in Racine in 1868 and permanently resided there. For 25 years he was the general freight and passenger agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Trist died in 1928 at the age of 81 and is buried in Mound Cemetery in Racine.

It is not unheard of for numismatic items to be made of clay. In the 1920's Germany made porcelain (which is made from clay) coins. This medal is unusual for a number of reasons. It is made of clay in place of typical metals of gold, silver or bronze. The obverse contains a bible quote on an advertising medal. The medal was not struck but molded. The piece was made by a non-numismatist. These reasons make it interesting as well as an unusual and scarce piece.###

Milwaukee Public Museum Numismatics Exhibit

Photos by Leon Saryan

In December I had the opportunity to visit the Milwaukee Public Museum, and used the occasiony to visit the Museum's special exhibit on numismatics. This exhibit was conceived and installed for the 2007 ANA convention in Milwaukee, and has remained in place since that time. The MNS and several other local clubs are credited for their support which made the display possible.


NUMISMATICS!
AT THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM
Coins have been collected by the Milwaukee Public Museum since the mid 1800s, designating a separate numismatics collection with its own curator in 1906. Since 1945 the numismatics collection has been maintained by the History Section. The early collection at the Museum focused on coins of the Ancient World and Europe with many of the coins coming from the German States and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, reflecting Milwaukee's strongly German-influenced community at that time. Throughout the 20th century the numismatics collection has broadened to a worldwide view, adding some Asian coins and a significant group of American coins, tokens and medals. Curious or traditional money is also represented and has been drawn from the collections of the Anthropology, Zoology and Geology Sections of the Museum. This presentation is a sample of the collection as chosen through a collaboration of Museum staff and members of local numismatics clubs.
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Waukesha Coin Club
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